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FOR SCHNEIDER FROM KUX - NEA ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, IN

SLBJECT: THIS AND THAT

1. MISSED LAST WEEK'S FAST POUCH AND THIS CABLE SERVES AS A  
SUBSTITUTE FOR MAIN POINTS. WILL DEAL WITH OUR RUNNING  
PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUE ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, ETC. IN THIS  
WEEK'S LETTER.

2. ON ELECTION REPORTING (YOUR 943), STRONGLY ADVISE THAT  
YOU MAINTAIN A VERY LOW PROFILE. THINK OUR REPORTING RE-  
QUIREMENTS CAN ADEQUATELY BE HANDLED ALONG THE LINES YOU  
SUGGEST BY ALLOWING POLITICOS TO COME TO EMBASSY AND CONGEN  
OFFICERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL CONVERSATIONS WITH NEWSMEN, ETC.  
RATHER THAN ACTIVELY SEEKING OUT CONGRESS AND OPPOSITION  
POLITICIANS. IN THIS CONTEXT, WOULD RECOMMEND THAT POLITI-  
CAL OFFICERS FROM THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES NOT RPT NOT  
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TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN CITIES TO SAMPLE GRASS ROOTS  
OPINION. DO NOT THINK THE EMBASSY NEED (OR SHOULD) RUN THE  
RISK OF STIRRING UP POT BY UNNECESSARILY AROUSING INDIAN  
SUSPICIONS THROUGH OVER-INQUISITIVE REPORTING OFFICERS  
POKING INTO THE MOHFUSSIL OR BUTTONHOLING OPPOSITIONISTS.  
BELIEVE YOU CAN HANDLE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ELECTION  
IS BASICALLY FAIR OR RIGGED SITTING AT HOME WITH THE

RESTRICTIONS ON PRESS NOW OFF AND GIVEN INDIAN PROPENSITY TO TALK. INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE PUT A SIMILAR LID ON TRAVEL BY POLITICAL OFFICERS IN PAKISTAN EVEN THOUGH THE SENSITIVITIES ARE MUCH FEWER THAN IN INDIA.

3. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF REPORTING, RECOMMEND YOU AVOID TOO MUCH DETAIL AND ALSO ATTEMPTS AT PREDICTING THE OUTCOME IN SPECIFIC NUMBERS AND FOCUS ON THE GENERAL MOOD, MAJOR THEMES, AND IMPLICATIONS OF TRENDS, ETC. REMEMBER THE SRI LANKA BLAMING IN 1970. WILL POUCH WHAT I HAVE SENT RAY PERKINS BY WAY OF INS SUGGESTIONS FOR REPORTING THE SRI LANKA ELECTIONS. THINK BASICALLY THE SAME APPROACH CAN APPLY TO INDIA, MODIFIED OF COURSE FOR THE DELHI SETTING AND GREATER INTEREST HERE IN INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

4. YOU MAY RECALL LABOR CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14. IF ELECTIONS ARE HELD DURING THIS WEEK, DOES THIS POSE A PROBLEM? BELIEVE THE DATE CAN BE SLIPPED WEEK OR TWO IF YOU BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE.

5. RE YOUR JANUARY 14 LETTERS, WILL TRY TO GET TWO SETS OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IF THIS IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF THE COLOMBO OPERATION, IT MAY BE THAT WE WILL ONLY WISH TO RAISE A COUPLE OF ISSUES RATHER THAN A BROAD RANGE. WE ARE NOW FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS MUCH MORE THAN IN THE PAST.

6. DON'T KNOW WHY AARON BELIEVES YOU NEED A COUNTRY TEAM  
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RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RAINA VISIT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE AWARE THAT HIS NAME WAS ALREADY REPEATED ALREADY ON THE ARMY INVITATION LIST. OBVIOUSLY, THE SOONER HE COMES THE BETTER, PARTICULARLY IF HE IS HEADING TOWARD THE END OF THE TOUR.

7. RE PAUL KREISBERG'S PHONE CALL ABOUT INFORMING THE INDIANS THAT THEY ARE OMITTED FROM THE FY 78 AID CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION, IT TURNED OUT THAT AID HAD NOT YET CALLED IN THE EMBASSY AND AT MY URGING WILL NOW NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE ON THIS. THEY OF COURSE WILL RESPOND TO INDIAN QUERIES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.  
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